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U.S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNT.

RE: Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA and Section 3007 of RCRA for the Coakley Landfill Site in North Hampton, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Marchessault:

This letter will serve as a response to the EPA's inquiry into the Coakley Landfill Site in North Hampton, New Hampshire (the Coakley Site). The inquiry was directed to the Dexter Shoe Factory Outlet in North Hampton. After extensive telephone conversations with Mr. Jeremy Firestone of the Office of Regional Counsel, it was agreed between Mr. Firestone and the undersigned that this letter will suffice as a response to the inquiry at this time for the reasons stated below. If further information is then requested, it is our understanding that the Agency will notify us and we will be given the opportunity to provide any requested information then available to us.

Dexter Shoe Company is a footwear manufacturer operating manufacturing facilities in the State of Maine. Dexter also has affiliated retail outlets in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York and Florida. Dexter does not have any manufacturing facilities of any kind in the State of New Hampshire.

Dexter Shoe Company's only activity in New Hampshire is the operation of retail shoe stores which began in 1977. The North Hampton

store opened in July of 1978 and is still in operation. A review of our records indicates that to the best of our knowledge, the Dexter Shoe Factory Outlet Store in North Hampton did not dispose of any waste of any kind at the Coakley Site, nor did the North Hampton Factory Outlet Store contract with any individual to dispose of any waste of any kind at the Coakley Site at any time, including the time frame of 1972 through 1982. If any waste was taken from the North Hampton store to the Coakley Site, it would have been by a local rubbish hauler and would have been materials typical of a retail shoe store such as cardboard boxes, floor sweepings, etc. This being the case, we are confused as to why we have been requested to provide the information in the Agency's letter to Dexter Shoe Factory Outlet, North Hampton, New Hampshire, dated August 2, 1988, since we do not believe we are a contributor to the problem at the Coakley Site.

We hope this answers your questions.

Very truly yours,

DEXTER SHOE COMPANY

Richard D. Tucker Resident Counsel

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cc: Geremy Firestone, Office of Regional Counsel EPA, Boston